



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:)
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Gunther et al.)
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Serial No.: 10/821,822)
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Filed: April 9, 2004)
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For: Methods and Apparatus for Thermal)
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Examiner: T. S. Lau)
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Group Art Unit: 2863)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination
(RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2006, the Advisory Action mailed June 8, 2006, and in response to the interview held with the Examiner on July 20, 2006.

Claims 37-60 are currently pending in the application. Claims 37, 44, 45, 52, 53, and 60 stand rejected, and claims 38-43, 46-51, and 54-59 stand objected to. Applicants proposed to amend claims 37-41, 43, 45-49, 51, 53-57, and 59 and, further, to add new claims 61-66.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks set forth below.